

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Environmental Conservation Air Director Component Budget Summary

Component: Air Director

Contribution to Department's Mission

Lead and direct division staff in accomplishing department results.

Core Services

Overall leadership and management of the air quality programs of the division.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Manage, direct and mentor to deliver the program reforms embodied in DEC's strategic plan.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$267,400

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Key Component Challenges

The director's office must ensure that the resources and priorities of the division are directed towards the fulfillment of the division's mission to protect air quality. Key issues for the Air Quality division in FY2008 will be:

- Continue to mentor the implemented air permit reform changes to ensure the reform fully achieves its goals of predictable, reliable, timely and rational permitting.
- Mentor the division's development of on-line permitting business format such that air permit application forms are available on-line, routine compliance monitoring data can be submitted on-line by permittees, and department staff have readily accessible information for making permit decisions and managing air quality.
- Participate in national forums and dialogue with EPA and other states to enhance Alaska's voice in setting national priorities and initiatives for air quality and related issues.
- Prepare Alaska for a national climate change law that leverages Alaska's business opportunities as a carbon sequestering state in forestry, oil & gas and other sectors.
- Guide the collaborative work among the division, DOTPF and local governments in developing pollution control plans for Fairbanks, Kotzebue, Bethel and other rural areas not meeting the 2006 EPA health standards for fine or coarse sized airborne particles.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

None.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- Continued to track the implementation of the agreement with North Slope oil & gas operators to phase-in use of cleaner diesel fuel that drastically reduces sulfur dioxide air emissions from well drilling, construction and all other diesel engines in early 2008.
- Guided the division in influencing EPA's actions in two key areas: 1) acquired an opportunity to further explore the

Alaska specific costs and health benefits of using ultra low sulfur diesel fuel in diesel engines located in hundreds of rural communities; 2) helped change EPA's proposed position to rescind a health standard for coarse sized airborne particles by compiling medical and anecdotal evidence that respiratory illnesses are disproportionately high in rural Alaska communities and research in other countries indicates a compelling link between illness and airborne particle pollution.

- Mentored department staff in working with local governments to perform studies and analysis that may enable the department to downsize or possibly eliminate the vehicle emissions inspection program (I/M testing) in Anchorage and Fairbanks while retaining clean air. In 2006, the Department adopted regulations providing a four year, rather than two-year, exemption for new vehicles to begin their biennial tailpipe emissions inspection.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 46.03; AS 46.14; 18 AAC 50; 18 AAC 52; 18 AAC 53; Clean Air Act.

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Air Director Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	185.5	176.4	202.1
72000 Travel	16.3	14.9	14.9
73000 Services	18.8	39.8	39.8
74000 Commodities	9.8	10.6	10.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	230.4	241.7	267.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	230.4	241.7	267.4
Funding Totals	230.4	241.7	267.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	241.7	0.0	0.0	241.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 08 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	25.5	0.0	0.0	25.5
FY2008 Governor	267.4	0.0	0.0	267.4

**Air Director
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	121,860
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	83,935
			<i>Less 1.80% Vacancy Factor</i>	(3,695)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	202,100

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Division Director	1	0	0	0	1
Secretary	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2